

MIDDLE TENNESSEE FARM INSTITUTE BIG SUCCESS

Farmers and Their Families Attend Prominent Speakers.

The Middle Tennessee Farmers' Institute which closed its three day session here today had over 1,800 farmers and member of farm families in attendance. These delegates came for the most part from Middle Tennessee, but there were many farm representatives from other parts of the state and several from other states.

Hon. H. K. Bryson, state commissioner of agriculture, and Prof. Charles A. Keffer, director division of extension of the University of Tennessee, had active charge of the program. Capt. J. N. Meroney of Dark Mill, presided at the men's meetings and Mr. Clara Boone Mason of Prospect, at the women's meetings.

Before the main session of the institute appeared several of Tennessee's leading specialists in farm development work. Dr. F. M. McRee, a farmer from Obion county and president of the West Tennessee Farmers' Institute, extended greetings from his part of the state. W. C. Shaw of Knox county, president of the East Tennessee Farmers' Convention, was prevented from attending. Commissioner Bryson, in his address, brought before the attention of the delegates the measures which should be considered by the general assembly in the interest of the producing and consuming public. He called special attention to the short course in agriculture which is to be given at the University of Tennessee this year, beginning January 1, urging upon the farmers to send at least one member of the family to this course. L. R. Neal, editor of the Southern Agriculturist, Nashville, gave an address in which he pointed out how by industry and attention to detail the farmers of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, were making money. J. H. Allison, one of Nashville's leading business men, spoke in the interests of Mussel Shoals, the place proposed by Tennessee and adjoining states for the site of the government nitrate plant.

Other addresses were made by Dr. Robert Jay, hog cholera specialist of the division of extension of the University of Tennessee; W. A. Schenfield, marketing specialist of the division; Dr. M. Jacob, state veterinarian; Prof. C. A. Wilson of the University of Tennessee; Prof. H. A. Morgan, dean of the college of agriculture; Miss Besie Murphy, representing the Memphis Business Men's Club; Allen Sharp of Greenfield, and Hon. Ralph W. Moss from Indiana, who spoke on the "Federal Farm Loan Act."

The home maker's section of the institute was the most successful ever held. Addresses were delivered by Mrs. Mason, the president; Mr. Kate McNeill Wells, district agent for Middle Tennessee, Murfreesboro; Miss Isabel Hayes, assistant state superintendent of education; Mr. Eugene Crutcher, president of the Tennessee Parent-Teachers' association; Mrs. James Grizzell of McMinnville; Mrs. Jas. H. Rogers of Buford; Prof. C. A. Keffer of the division of extension; Mrs. W. J. Landess of Fayetteville; Mrs. Joseph Rhea of Lynnville and others.

Officers for the coming year are: county, vice-president, J. J. Zuccarello, Giles County; executive secretary, W. T. Morris, Nashville; secretary, Orson Denston, Humphreys county; Executive committee, Hon. H. K. Bryson, Mrs. F. E. McKay, N. F. Boone, L. R. Peterson, A. D. Knox.

Officers for the home makers' section, president, Mrs. F. E. McKay; Williamson county; vice president, Mrs. James Grizzell, Warren county; secretary, Miss Lula Christman, Allinson; treasurer, Mrs. Harry Polk, Lawrence county.

The general live stock section elected N. F. Boone of Mulberry, president. The breed organizations elected officers as follows: Hog breeders, J. E. Hite, Sumner county, president; beef cattle breeders, Clarence Campbell, Franklin county, president; Jack and jennet breeders, J. Ripley Steele, Maury county, president; dairymen, Dr. K. C. Davis, Davidson county, president.

Resolutions were adopted embracing such interests as affect the farmers of Middle Tennessee. It was suggested in the resolutions that the executive committee consider seriously the need for a change of date and meeting place for the next institute. The resolutions suggested the state fair grounds as a desirable place and the last week in August as a time when crops and live stock could be shown to the best advantage in the interest of agricultural educational efforts.

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CONGRESS ASKED TO INVESTIGATE

Action Taken by National Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Resolutions calling upon congress to investigate the entire problem of agriculture in the United States, and calling for an investigation of the marketing of live stock, were adopted at the closing session of the fourth national conference on marketing and farm credits.

The resolution suggests that congress look into the workings of coop-

erative marketing and buying under government auspices in European countries to ascertain to what extent these plans could be applied to place American agriculture on an efficient basis; particularly in regard to the elimination of waste.

The Federal farm loan act was hailed as the first step in giving the farmer working capital at moderate interest, and farmers were urged to form associations under the act. The resolutions adopted today by the conference opposed the Shields water power bill and all forms of embargo and urged congress to pass a law providing a system of short-time credits for the farmers. It also is recommended that congress create some authorized power to certify notes adequately secured by live stock, cotton, grain, or other farm commodity to the end that said notes shall find a ready market at reasonable rates of interest.

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LOCAL U. S. MARINE WINS PROMOTION

By showing exceptional ability and military proficiency, Charlie A. Morris of this place has been promoted to the rank of corporal in the United States Marine Corps, according to an official report from Washington, D. C.

Charlie is a son of W. H. Morris of Brownsville, and enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps at its Memphis recruiting station on September 29, 1914. He was recommended recently by a board of examining officers for this advancement. He is now stationed at Port Royal, S. C., where he is instructing the recruit "soldiers of the sea" in their duties ashore and afloat.

Corporal Morris has rendered valuable service to the marine corps, and his many friends in this community will be pleased to learn that his excellent record has been appreciated.

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MEMPHIS HAS BOLD BANK ROBBERY.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 5.—Two unmasked robbers entered the counting room of the Park Bank & Trust Co., a suburban institution, this morning shortly before 11 o'clock, covered the bank officials with pistols, then locked the cashier, vice-president and a customer in a room at the back of the building and fled with \$3,000 in currency without firing a shot. One of the robbers covered the cashier and a negro while the other pointed his weapon at J. F. Bost, vice-president. The three men were hurried into a small room at the rear of the bank and locked by one of the bandits, while the other went into the cashier's window and gathered up all the money he could cram into his pockets. The pair then fled on motorcycles. The bank officials and the negro were forced to break the door down in order to get out and give the alarm.

Sheriff Tate notified the surrounding towns of the robbery by telephone and telegraph.

URGING WILSON TO VISIT MEMPHIS

Washington, Dec. 8.—Representative K. D. McKellar called on President Wilson yesterday evening and invited him to attend the opening of the Harahan Bridge across the Mississippi river at Memphis, May 2, 1917. The president took the invitation under consideration with the promise to attend if he could. Mr. McKellar and John M. Tuther, secretary of the Memphis Business Men's Club, called on various other officials of high rank and extended them invitations to attend the celebration.

JACKSON TO ENLARGE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Jackson, Tenn., Dec. 5.—The board of education has purchased the strip of property which separates the high school building from Prince Edward street, for the purpose of enlarging the high school building to meet the increasing demands of the school population.

Major F. L. Palmer, U. S. A., received \$12,000 from a New York firm for a collection of Philippine postage stamps which he had spent years in gathering. The collection was famous all over the world and was considered the most valuable of its kind in this country.

Owing to the scarcity of leather, high leather shoes will be replaced to a large extent by shoes with cloth tops, manufacturers of Boston announce. Shoes made entirely of leather will be selling at \$20 to \$30 a pair before long, some of them predict.

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EACH TOWN SHOULD SAY NOT ONLY "BUY FROM US," BUT "SELL TO US."

As Prof. E. C. Branson has pointed out, the town that is to justify its existence must say to the farmer not only "Buy from us," but also "Sell to us."

We believe the farmers have a right to demand this sort of service from the town where they spend their money. Moreover, it will be better for all concerned, if the buying is kept on a cash basis. The south will never be the rich country it should be until there is a cash market for corn, hay, and livestock, as well as for cotton.

So long, in fact, as it is a barter proposition, we are never going to get on the right basis as to grades and standards. A merchant often has to take bad butter and bad eggs simply in order to get the farmer's trade. Weld, in his "Marketing of Farm Products," refers to this matter saying that "country stores rarely discriminate between goods of different qualities because 'afraid of offending or losing a customer.'"

"Butter is of various degrees of sweetness or cleanliness, but the country storekeeper does not dare discriminate, because each farmer's wife thinks she makes the best butter that can be made."

The same thing happens, as Weld says, in the case of eggs. "As a result, there is very little incentive to farmers in many localities to gather their eggs frequently, to standardize and improve their breeds of poultry, to keep the nests clean, or to take proper care of the eggs." If, however, butter and eggs and other farm products were sold for cash, rigid methods of grading would be enforced, and the products would soon be brought to a higher standard, meaning higher prices for the product and more money for the merchant and farmer.—The Progressive Farmer.

TUBERCULOSIS IN TENNESSEE

Last year, according to report of the state board of health there were 14,161 deaths from preventable causes—in other words, deaths that need not have been. Of this number, 4,499 died from tuberculosis—one out of every three deaths from preventable diseases was caused by tuberculosis. For every person that dies from tuberculosis, the state board of health estimates that there are ten sick—in other words, today there are approximately fifty thousand people sick with tuberculosis. Tennessee as a state ranks third highest in the list of states in its death rate from tuberculosis and third last in its sale of Red Cross Seals, the money from which is spent to fight tuberculosis.

The Tennessee Anti-Tuberculosis Association has for its purpose the prevention of tuberculosis in Tennessee.

The state association will be of greater service to the smaller towns and rural communities, for the cities now have local associations and hospitals for the care of tuberculosis patients, and slowly but steadily the death rates in the cities from tuberculosis is dropping.

In Nashville 12 per cent of all deaths is due to tuberculosis; in Chattanooga, 11 per cent, in Knoxville 12 per cent; in Memphis 12 per cent. The highest per centage in any city is 12 per cent of the total deaths from tuberculosis.

Comparing this with some of the counties we find in Clay county 23 per cent of all deaths is due to tuberculosis; Giles county 23 per cent, Overton 22 per cent, Moore 21 per cent, Sequatchie 23 per cent, Sumner 26 per cent, and Van Buren 28 per cent, and but few counties have as low a death rate from tuberculosis as the cities.

The counties are healthier, the people are sturdier, and the unfavorable percentages in the counties is due to the fact that no effort is made to control tuberculosis.

Outside of the large cities in Tennessee, there is not a place in all the state for a poor tuberculosis patient, and this is the more inhuman and the more unbelievable when we know that tuberculosis today with proper treatment can be cured.

You can help fight tuberculosis by buying Red Cross Seals—they sell for one cent each, and the proceeds are divided as follows: 10 per cent of the money goes to the national association for the study and prevention of tuberculosis and the American Red Cross to pay for the printing of the seals and the advertising literature, 90 per cent of the money will be spent in Tennessee to fight tuberculosis.

You can help in this battle (for really it is a war) by buying Red Cross Seals. If you should happen to live in a town where there are no Seals on sale, if you will send a card to the State Association, 213 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn., they will gladly send them to you.

The scarcity of wood pulp for making print paper has prompted several lumber concerns to begin saving the wood material which formerly went to waste about their plant and with the aid of special machinery convert it into paper pulp. It is estimated by 40,000,000,000 board feet of lumber is wasted every year in slabs, edgings and sawdust. This amount, if made into wood pulp would materially relieve the paper shortage in this country. It is believed.

Stringent measures have been taken in the past few years to check the spread of the brown tail moth. Some states have forbidden the shipment of Christmas trees and other trees from one locality to another. The U. S. bureau of entomology now reports that these restrictions are having their effects. During the last fiscal year the number of moths has grown perceptibly smaller.

Christmas Is Just Around The Corner

WHAT ABOUT YOUR GIFT PREPARATIONS?

If you are planning to make Christmas Gifts you want to use care and judgment in selecting, so as not to have your gifts look cheap or commonplace, no matter how low the price you pay.

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H. D. PECK JEWELER AND OPTOMETRIST

The three-story brick and stone house in which Col. Roosevelt was born situated on Twentieth street, New York city, is now being torn down to make room for a \$12,000 show room. The well-to-do people of the city resided in this section years ago.

We don't want to force the matter on anyone, but don't you think it a good idea to come in and settle that subscription account before the first of January. You will save 30c on next year's subscription by doing so. Isn't that worth thinking about

Mosquitoes recently invaded the coast region of Texas and Louisiana in such numbers that several large lumber mills were forced to shut down. Farmer built smudge fires throughout the country to relieve themselves and their stock of the voracious insects, but these seemed to have no perceptible effect on keeping the pests away.

A quantity of pig iron was recently sold in Youngstown, O., for \$30 a ton. This is an advance of over \$10 a ton within a few weeks and is about double the price asked two years ago. The iron is not to be delivered until next year.

Sickly children need WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It not only destroys worms, if there are any, but it acts as a strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by J. D. Curtis Drug Co.

After a four months exploring trip through Peru members of the Harvard expedition recently returned to this country bringing with them about 2,000 snakes which they had captured. Some of the reptiles are of a kind hitherto unknown. The explorers also had several huge boxes of birds, animals and relics of various kinds.